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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, INFO ANKARA, BRUSSELS,
NATO, NICOSIA, THESSALONIKI, MAY 27, FROM ATHENS RPTD TO YOU:

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1. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY ON MAY 26
THAT PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS AND DEMIREL WOULD MEET IN
BRUSSELS. ACCORDING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT, BEFORE DEPARTING
FOR ROMANIA AND BELGIUM, PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS ACCEPTED
THE PROPOSAL OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO MEET WITH TURKISH
PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL. THE TIME OF THE MEETING, THE
ANNOUNCEMENT ADDED, WILL BE DECIDED BEFORE MR. CARAMANLIS
ARRIVES IN BRUSSELS. (HE PLANS TO ARRIVE IN BRUSSELS FROM
BUCHAREST THE EVENING OF MAY 27.)

2. ATHENS NEWS MEDIA COVERED PROMINENTLY AND FAVORABLY
ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING. NEWS ACCOUNTS REFERRED TO
DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES VIEWING THE TURKISH INITIATIVE AS AN
EXAMPLE OF GOOD WILL AND AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE CLIMATE
PREVAILING IN GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS. PRESS ALSO REFERRED
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TO WASHINGTON SOURCES AS SAYING PRESIDENT FORD, WHOSE BILATERALS
WITH CARAMANLIS AND DEMIREL ON MAY 29 WERE ALSO REPORTED
WIDELY IN PRESS, WAS HOPEFUL HE COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE
NORMALIZATION OF GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS.

3. TO VIMA (OPPOSITION) CARRIED HEADLINE "IN THEIR
MEETING FOLLOWING TURKISH INVITATION CARAMANLIS-DEMIREL
WILL DECLARE TO NATO THAT WAR IS EXCLUDED." HEADLINE
BASED ON REPORT FROM TO VIMA CORRESPONDENT IN BRUSSELS TO
EFFECT THAT FOLLOWING GREEK-TURKISH BILATERAL, A JOINT
DECLARATION WILL BE RELEASED WHICH WILL EXCLUDE THE
RECOURSE TO WAR FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES WHICH
EXIST BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. KUBISCH UNQUOTE.
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